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## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This response accompanies a Request for Continued Examination. Amendments and remarks presented by this amendment are responsive to the Final Office Action dated December 24, 2009 (Part of Paper No./Mail Date 20091220), for which a response was due on March 24, 2010. On June 24, Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal along with a Petition and fee for a three months extension of time. The deadline for filing an appeal brief or a Request for Continued Examination was August 24, 2010. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a four month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to December 24, 2010. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.